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SUBJECT: MBFR: KISSINGER-SCHEEL DISCUSSION

1. PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 28 SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF ALLIANCE APPROACH TO MBFR, DCM OF GERMAN DELEGATION (BOSS) INFORMED MISSION OFFICER THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FULL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY'S BILATERAL MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH SCHEEL. ON MBFR, BOSS STATED THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE BROAD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE FRG. THE SECRETARY REPORTEDLY TOLD SCHEEL THAT DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER HAD EXPLAINED FRG VIEWS CONVINCINGLY TO HIM AND THAT THE U.S. WOULD THUS SHOW UNDERSTANDING FOR THE FRG APPROACH TO THE SECOND PHASE.

2. BOSS BELIEVED THAT THIS UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN U.S. AND FRG WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE ALLIES TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE SECOND PHASE.
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